## ELEVEN BURN TO DEATH

Many Others Injured in the Destruction of a St. Louis Lodging House for Men.

The List of Dead Includes the Name of One Man from Indianapolis, Vance Marlin, Hoisting Engineer, and One Manufacturer of Cut Glass.

MEDICAL STUDENTS AMONG! THE HURT

Eight of the Injured Are Reported to Be in a Very Critical Condition.

A Dozen or More Persons Are Badly Frostbitten-Property Loss Is Small, Not More than \$20,000-Fires in Other Places Take Tribute of Lives.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.-An early morning; on the first floor. Her body had been fire, which destroyed the Empire Hotel, a large three-story lodging house at Nos. \* 2700 and 2702 Olive street, occupied by men exclusively, caused the death of ten men and one woman, and dangerously injured eight people. Ten or more who had narrow escapes from death in the fire were It is estimated that there were between thirty-five and forty persons in the building last night, and it is believed all have been accounted for. The financial loss is nominal. It is thought that \$20,000 will cover the damage to building and contents, which were destroyed.

-The Dead .--MORRIS YALL, senior member of the firm of Yall, Clark & Owen, manufacturers of fine cut glass; formerly of Chicago; burned to a crisp. TOBE DAVIS, man about town, suffo-

JOHN C. LUEDERS, father of Deputy

in jumping from third-story window. GEORGE THOMPSON, switchman Terminal yards, burned to death. SARAH HARRIS (colored), chamber-

B. E. WOODLEY, employe Hamilton-Browne Shoe Company, burned.

J. A. M'MULLEN, carpenter, burned. S. T. COPEY, telegraph operator, Merchants' Terminal Association.

VANCE MARLIN, hoisting engineer, Indianapolis, Ind., burned.

A. J. ALLEN, Sedalia, Mo., stone mason, w burned.

UNKNOWN MAN who died at City Hospital from burns.

-The Injured .-HARRY CLINE, medical student, of

Marion, Ill., hands badly burned and ankle WALTER JOHNSON, employe Hamil-

ton-Browne Shoe Company, hands burned, both legs broken and injured internally. HENRY ROBINSON (colored), night porter, badly burned.

from second-story window. --- STURGEON, dental student, back

sprained in jumping from second-story HARRY THOMPSON, medical student,

Nashville, Ill., ankle sprained in jumping from second-story window.

CON RYAN, burned about face. About ten or twelve others less seriously

injured, being bruised, burned or suffering from exposure.

HAD A GOOD START.

The fire started about 3:30 a. m., when but few persons were abroad, and gained considerable headway before it was discovered and the alarm given. There was considerable delay in turning in an alarm, and , when the engines finally reached the scene the whole front of the building was in | there is a steam heating plant. flames and the interior was a seething furnace. By that time all who escaped death had got out of the building by jumping Some of the escapes were very narrow.

some injury or was frost-bitten. The guests | street. A letter was received from him barely had time to get out when aroused, the first of the year saying he had a conthe flames had spread so rapidly. Some tract that would keep him in Texas for saved their clothing, which they carried about sixty days, and it is thought he was in their hands, but others were not so on his way home and had stopped in St. fortunate, losing everything. After some | Louis. He was about forty-five years old. delay near-by houses were opened to the unmarried, and the proprietors of the hotel unfortunates and they were given shelter | say he has no family relation in this city. from the biting cold weather. It was one He ran the hoisting engine when the new of the coldest nights of the winter, the Claypool building was being erected, but ground being covered with ice and snow, his principal work was running hoisting and every one suffered from exposure. The engines for pile drivers on bridge work. suffering ones were put under the care of physicians. Harry Cline, Walter Johnson, Henry Robinson and an unknown man who died later, were taken to the City Hospital. Robinson recovered enough to be taken home. The others named will be

burned. The remains of the other vic-

times were found in their rooms, where

they were suffocated or burned.

GUESTS ACCOUNTED FOR J. J. Lally, who managed the house for his brother-in-law, J. W. Gillam, had rooms on the first floor. He stated there were four rooms on the first floor, nine on the second and seven on the third. If all the more or less injured by being frost-bitten. guests occupied their rooms thirty-six persons, including the colored porter and chambermaid, were in the building when it burned. Lally said he had no means of knowing just how many persons were in the house at the time the fire broke out Some of them were in the habit of staynot there then. He was awakened by hearing Con Ryan, one of the roomers, crying fire. Lally said he selzed his clothingand money and hurrled into the hall, which was ablaze, and without stopping to dress. stepped out through the front door. Both stairways were on fire and he barely had time to get out, being scorched and spraining his back. Lane, Ryan and a man named Niesley escaped the same way. The City Marshal Leo Lueders, skull fractured only way for the others to get out alive was through the windows, the burning stairways cutting off their escape that way. Some jumped and suffered injuries more or less serious, while others who took time to improvise ropes from their bed clothing got down safely.

> R. A. Woolsey, a medical student, whose home is in Galesburg, Ill., had a room on the second floor. Finding the regular exits cut off, he slid to the ground safely with the aid of two sheets tied together.

Harry Cline, of Marion, Ill., who is a student in the medical department of Washington University, had a narrow escape from death. He roomed on the second floor with Harry Thompson, of Nashville, Ill., a student at the same college. Cline was aroused by cries of fire. He awakened Thompson, and together they attempted to escape through the hall. They found the stairway on fire and the hall filled with smoke and flames which drove them to the window in their room. Thompson jumped first and hurt his ankle, but before Cline could get out the flames burned him ter-GEORGE LANE, medical student, of ribly about the hands, with which he Rich Hill, Mo., ankle sprained in jumping | shielded his face. He is now at the hospital suffering from his burns and a badly

sprained ankle. Both lost everything. William Clark and Abraham Cowen, partners of Morris Yall, who burned to death escaped uninjured. They formerly lived in Chicago. Among the others who got out unscathed were James McMahon and J. J. LALLY, manager Empire Hotel, Joseph J. Hart, of Corning, N. Y., and F. back badly sprained while escaping from

M. Niesley, of Chicago. To-night most of the guests have been accounted for in the list of dead, injured and escaped. Among those unaccounted for are A. Goldberg, an unknown stranger who

Nobody seems to know just how or where the fire started. It is believed that it started on the first floor or in the cellar, where

Vance Marlin Identified.

Vance Marlin was a hoisting engineer from the windows or climbing down ropes | and had been employed by local firms for made of bedclothes. A few escaped from several years. About one year ago he went the ground floor through the front door. | to Texas with a firm to work on a contract, but still retained his residence at Almost everybody who got out suffered | Zapf Bros.' Hotel, on West Washington

LEHIGH VALLEY PIER BURNS.

Loss of \$250,000 in Jersey City-Vast

Amount of Flour Destroyed.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.-Fire destroyed Pier G, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad After a short fight the firemen got the Company, this morning and the loss, inflames under control and, assisted by the | cluding damage to shipping, is \$250,000. The A police, made a search of the ruins. The fire was discovered soon after 6 o'clock by first body found was that of John C. Lue- an employe, who gave the alarm to the ders, who was killed by jumping from | department in Jersey City. The heat startthe third story. His head was crushed in, ed the automatic extinguishing apparatus The body of Lueders and those of the and the force of twenty-five men at work others found later were taken to the on the pier did everything in their power morgue where friends and relatives later to prevent a spread of the flames. A strong particularly the firemen, are reported to identified them. Sarah Harris was found northwest wind made the work difficult

and the fire rapidly gained headway. Fire tugs fought valiantly from the river side, out the city fire department was obliged to drive over a mile of railroad tracks to reach the pier, which was doomed before

he department reached it. The steam canal boat Dale, owned by Joseph Pinnario, who lived with his wife Valley barges, the President and Pittston, and the two-master schooner Meteor, lying close to the pler, were soon on fire. The Dale was cut loose and towed about 100 feet toward the river, where it sunk. Pinnario and his wife escaped over other craft to the wharf. The Meteor is nearly a total loss. The other boats were saved. A big fleet of barges was towed to Washington street undamaged.

Pier G was in the Morris canal basin, which, at that point, is about 500 feet wide, extending at an acute angle from the wharf on the south side of the basin slightly toward the northeast. The basin extends east and west. The pier was 500 feet long and 120 feet wide and had a second story. It was covered with corrugated iron. The floors were of yellow pine. It contained 211 carloads of flour in barrels and sacks. Carloads vary from 150 to 200 barrels to the car. There was approximately 40,000 barrels of flour in the pier, valued at \$3 a barrel or sack. The flour was received from many consignors in the West and had many destinations. The pier was built at a cost of over \$100,-000. The loss on the wharf is \$10,000. The

steam canal boat Dale was valued at \$5,000. It is insured for \$2,000. The schooner

Meteor is said to have been worth \$10,000.

The losses on other shipping and on the dry dock will not exceed \$5,000. The loss of the Lehigh Valley Company is covered

FIRE AT ELBERTON, GA.

Loss of \$100,000 in a Town Without Any Fire Protection.

ELBERTON, Ga., Feb. 9.-Fire here early | and it kept them talking all day. to-day destroyed nearly all of the business

in the cabin, the tug Mildred, the Lehigh | REV. AMOS MESSLER ARRESTED A INSTANCE OF HIS BROTHER.

> A Missing Finger Betrayed Him the Police Officers of

This City. OF SHARP PRACTICE

Demand Made for Several Thousand Dollars-A Rather Queer

Agreement Reached.

ISRAEL MESSLER SAYS THE PREACH-

It is seldom the police have cases which the business end, as to interest them in more than a passing manner. There was one yesterday, however, which interested all who became acquainted with the facts,

Amos Messler, a preacher, connected part of this place, doing damage which with the Seventh Day Adventist Church, is estimated at \$100,000. The city has no and residing at Marion, Ind., was arrested fire protection, and the bucket brigades by Captains Hyland and Gerber. He was ous to keep so much money in the house, formed by the citizens were of no avail in | charged with being a fugitive from justice. a temperature of 20 degrees above zero W. A. Branyan, a lawyer, of Huntington, removed to Marion and began preaching, and a high wind. The fire at one time Ind., called the police department by tel- going from place to place. He purchased

those who understand them are generally amused. When Shafer looked over the things taken from Messler he discovered the Bible. He picked it up, bowed politely Messler with the remark, "Perhaps it would be well for you to keep this. No doubt you'll find plenty of time to read it in there." The minister declined to keep it and Shafer took the unusual opportunity of perusing the volume.

CONFRONTED BY HIS BROTHER.

When Branyan and the brother of the prisoner arrived at police headquarters Messler was taken from the cellroom to the superintendent's office. There the troubles of the brothers were gone over time and again, Lawyer Branyan taking enough part to protect the interests of his client, who seemed to be of an unusually sympathetic and good-hearted temperament. In fact, the lawyer said to Israel: "If you don't hold out, we'll not get anything. You're easy." That was after Amos had made a proposition to turn over all the money belonging to Israel which he claimed to still have in his possession.

The story of the troubles of the brothers, as gained from the conference, was in substance as follows: They formerly lived at Huntington, Ind. Israel was married and lived on a farm. He was also a veteran of the civil war and a pensioner. Israel and his wife did not get along well and she sued for divorce and alimony. She was granted a divorce by the court and alimony of \$5,000. Branyan, who was Israel's lawyer, did some good work, however, and after the decree succeeded in settling the matter with her for \$1,500. A third brother, George, lived present such unusual features, aside from in Nebraska. After the divorce Israel sold his farm for \$10,000. He and Amos went to Nebraska, where George lived, and with part of the money George bought a farm. Amos succeeded in getting control of a portion of the money. Israel kept part. He hid \$3,000 of it in the cellar and put some in the bank. In some manner it became noised about the neighborhood that Israel was very wealthy and kept a large sum of money in his cellar. Amos went to him and suggested that it was dangerand secured Israel's consent for him to take it in trust. Shortly after that Amos

Paterson, N. J., Suffers a Loss at Present Estimated at About \$10,000,000.

Fully a Thousand Families Are Left Homeless and Many Thousands Are Without Employment, but the Tribute of Life and Injury Is Small.

STARTED IN TRACTION POWER HOUSE

Northerly Gale Spread It Far and Wide Through the Business District.

Help Sent from Many Cities-Public Buildings, Business Houses and Churches Destroyed-Measures to Suppress Disorder-No Outside Relief Needed.

swept through Paterson to-day, and in its desolate wake are the embers and ashes of property valued, in preliminary estimate, at \$10,000,000.

It burned its way through the business portion of the city and claimed as its own a majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civic, educational and religious use, as well as scores of houses There was but small tribute of life and injury to the conflagration, but hundreds were left homeless and thousands without employment. A relief movement for the care of those unsheltered and unprovided for already has been organized, and Mayor John Henchcliffe said to-night that Paterson would be able to care for her own without appealing to the charity of other communities and States. The great manufacturing plants of the place are safe and all control. the community, temporarily dazed by the calamity, already has commenced the work

of reorganization and restoration. The fire came at last midnight, and was lasted until late this afternoon. Every city and town within reach of Paterson sent firemen and apparatus to the relief of the efforts of them all to win the battle.

A northerly gale gave the conflagration its impetus and carried its burning brands to kindle the blaze afresh at other points. The firemen made stand after stand before the wall of fire, but were repeatedly driven back, and when victory finally came to

PROPERTIES DESTROYED. A partial list of the properties destroyed

-Public Buildings .-City Hall, Public Library, old City Hall mand on Amos for the money which he police station, No. 1 engine house, patrol stables, High School, school No. 10.

-Churches.pocket on his way from Nebraska, and First Baptist, Second Presbyterian, Park-Israel presented his troubles to his lawavenue Baptist, St. Mark's Episcopal, St. yer, and as a result the warrant was is-Joseph's Roman Catholic. sued. Amos went yesterday to Greenfield to preach, and his brother and his lawyer,

First National, Second National (partially), Paterson National, Silk City Trust, Hamilton Trust, Paterson Trust.

-Clubhouses.-Young Men's Christian Association, Knights of Columbus, Progress Club, St. Joseph's Hall, Hamilton Club.

-Office Buildings.-Romaine building, Katz building, Marshall & Ball, Cohn building, Old Town

-Theater .-

Clock, Old Kinne building, Stevenson -Telegraph Companies.-Western Union, Postal Telegraph.

-Newspapers .-The Evening News, Sunday Chronicle,

told Israel he was "easy." The matter was finally adjusted in an agreement store, dry goods; Globe store, dry goods; the clubhouse stood, but the roof collapsed whereby Amos was to accompany his brother and the lawyer to Marion, turn National Clothing Company, Kent's drug store, Kinsella's drug store, Muzzy's hard- | out. as well as the horse and carriage. He also agreed, upon the suggestion of Israel, to ware and general merchandise, Marshall & Ball, clothiers; John Norwood, paints; Oberg's grocery, Wertendyke's grocery, P. the money, which the lawyer claimed that H. & W. G. Shields, grocers; "The Pater- the rim of hills that wall it in. Columns letter you wrote to your sister saying Sendler's confectionery, Tappan's tea store, hurried into the city before daylight to and that one time you patted your pocket and said to your sister: 'I have \$5,000 right & Son, clothiers; Paterson Gas and Elec- more joined them. The fire became a great here, and I am going to keep it." Amos tric Company, Sykes's drug store, Mackin- popular spectacle, that claimed patrons denied the charge and insisted that he had tosh's drug store.

> thousand. A re-estimate, when order suc- | them in their work. Police lines were imceeds confusion, may alter these figures. THE OUTBREAK

pentitentiary for life." Branyan said: he was "willin" after his sister got bet-The party, all in good humor, left for Marion on an interurban car, leaving the extended a block to the rear on Van Houten came thieves and looters, but there was police to discuss the "human interest" came clanging into Broadway. Main and as a reserve for protection.

PATERSON, N. J., Feb. 9 .- A great fire | other, and, gaining vigor as it went, burned unchecked down into the business district. Every piece of fire mechanism in the city was called out, but fire and gale were masters. A great torch of flame rose high in the air, lighting up the country for many miles and carrying a threat and warning to the people and property in its path. There were efforts to rescue furniture and stock, but the speed with which the fire moved gave the rescuers little time. Property was often moved to a place of presumed safety, only to be eventually reached and destroyed. The warning to many was brief, and they were forced to flee, scantily clad, into streets glazed over

> with ice and swept by the keen wind. Main street was soon arched over with a canopy of fire for a block, and then for two blocks, as the flames fastened themselves upon building after building. The firemen fought with every resource of their craft and the impulse of desperation. but the flames found new avenues in Ellison and Market streets and got beyond

CALLS FOR RELIEF.

Calls for relief went out to every city in this portion of the State and the jaded firemen labored on through the hopeless hours of the morning. The city hall, a magnifionly checked after a desperate fight that | cent structure, surmounted by a great clock tower, situated on Washington, Ellison and Market streets, finally caught. and with it went all of the splendid business structures that surrounded it. They threatened city, and it took the united | made a great furnace of fire that burned

There was a series of explosions and scores of walls fell when the fire left them strengthless. Flying fire brands carried the conflagration over some buildings and around others and it therefore burned in an irregular course. These brands finally cleared the tracks of the Eric Railroad and Ramapo avenue, and alighting on them they were begrimed and exhausted. Straight street, started another great area of fire, in which the destruction and desolation wrought was nearly as great as in

This second great fire started at the angle of Park avenue and Washington street and swept almost unchecked until on these two thoroughfares, there was no more fuel. On the righthand side of Market street it encountered Sandy Hill Cemetery as a barrier to check it, but on the lefthand side, at Carroll street, it claimed St. Joseph' Church, a great classic stone building. It was on this second great fire that the volunteer firemen from outside cities did their most heroic and effective work. They fell back only when they had to and when the natural obstacle interposed they seized the chance and stopped

The final and one of the most desperate fights of the day occurred in midafternoon, back in the first fire area, at the Hamilton Club, situated at the corner of Church and Ellison streets. The handsome clubhouse caught and the exhausted firemen were rallied around it. They were anxious to save the structure and, besides, failure meant that the fire might take new headway among the properties adjoining the clubhouse. The building was doomed, however, but a torrent of water kept the Quackenbush & Co., dry goods; Boston fire to the premises. The four walls of and the interior was completely burned

> AN IMPOSING SPECTACLE. Paterson rests in a valley, and the con-

son." dry goods; Jordan's piano store, Sau- of flame climbed high in the air and shed ter & Co., planes; Feder & McNair, shoes; their light for miles. Hundreds of persons Ragowski's millinery. Brohal & Mueller, watch the work of destruction at close shoes; C. E. Beach, automobiles; Morehead | range, and when the day came thousands from New York and every outlying town in An estimate made from a general inspec- | New Jersey. They crowded the regular tion of the smoldering ruins placed the trains of the railways operating through number of dwellings and apartment houses | here, and compelled the dispatching of exdestroyed at five hundred, and the number | tra trains. Once in the city they crowded of families left without shelter at one around the firemen and at times hampered possible, and through the day they poured in an endless stream through the desolate The fire began its work of far-reaching streets. Great pinnacles of ruined brick destruction at the power house of the Jer- stood in every street, but the crowds sev City, Hobeken & Paterson Traction | passed under them unmindful of the warn-Company, which fronted on Broadway and | ing of police and firemen. With the crowd street. It commenced in the car shed, and not much pillaging. Under orders from was burning flercely when one of the em- Governor Murphy, who hurried here from ployes detected it. It was beaping through | Jersey City, Companies A. C. K and M. the roof, and the gale was lifting it in or the Fifth Infantry, National Guard, asforks and swirls when the fire apparatus sembled at their armories and were held

Van Houten. The firemen tried to hem it | The police, deputy sheriffs, hundreds of in, but it speedily crossed Van Houten special watchmen and firemen united in street in one direction, Main street in an- protecting property during the day, and

POOR RULE THAT DOESN'T WORK BOTH WAYS.



COLONEL-I can't take that disfranchisement stuff. CRUMPACKER BILL-Well, it isn't my fault if you can't take your own medicine.

threatened the entire city, and Atlanta ephone from Greenfield yesterday. He re- a fine horse and carriage and maintained wind, however, saved the town. ng the firms burned out are:

& McGovern, W. H. Corley, T. J. Pulmes, B. Tate & Sons' two stores, the Tate block, the livery stables of R. E. Hudgins and M. H. Maxwell, their stock being turned loose and not yet recaptured, T. W Campbell, J. R. Mattox, Taber & Almand, S. O. Hawes, M. E. Maxwell, Joseph Cohen, the T. M. Swift block and the new plant of the Southern Bell Telephone Company. The Elberton Light Infantry lost

all of its furnishings and equipment. BROOKLYN'S SUNDAY FIRE. Revised Report of the Losses and

List of the Injured. NEW YORK, Feb. 9 .- An official estimate of the damage done by the fire which decame in late and went to bed without stroyed the Shadbolt Manufacturing Comregistering; two students, whose names are | pany in Brooklyn early this morning fixes not known, and F. P. Contrand. It the loss at \$300,000. Fourteen people were is not believed there are any more bodies injured and taken to the hospital and a in the ruins, which have been carefully number of others were attended by ambusearched. For that reason it is thought they lance physicians on the spot. The list of the more seriously injured follows:

PATRICK NEVINS, superintendent of the repair shop of the Brooklyn branch of the fire department. EDWARD TREUEN. WILLIAM MORAN.

GEORGE CONRAN, fireman. CAPTAIN OSWALD, aid to Fire Chief JOSEPH KELLY.

LOUIS JEROSKI. HENRY J. R. TABER, roundsman. PETER F. MARTIN. EDWARD HOBBY. WILLIAM MOORE. JOHN REILLY.

STEPHEN DELAP. The loss to the Shadbolt Company is given as \$250,000, fully covered, it is said, ing and the stock of wagons and carriages manufactured by the company. The total loss to the other buildings in the vicinity is placed at \$50,000 and includes Bainbridge's manufactory, a four-story brick structure, directly opposite the Shadbolt premises, \$10,000, insured; Dickerson & Brown's hat factory, behind Shadbolt's factory, \$1,000; J. K. Parker & Co., shirtwaist manufacturers, \$15,000, insurance \$10,000; George Mc-Hedden's frame stable, total loss, \$2,000; eighteen of McHedden's horses were destroved; three-story brick tenement, owned by Stephen Cantonio, of Jamaica, Long island, total loss, \$4,000, insurance unknown; building owned by Dr. M. Camador, loss on building and to tenants about \$6,000, The blaze was discovered on the ground floor of the Shadbolt building, which was

thirds of the Brooklyn force was at work.

The marine fire corps of the Brooklyn navy

yard also was employed. The injured were

struck by falling debris. Some of them,

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a mass of flames before the first relay of office and slated as a fugitive. fire engines arrived. Eventually, two-

was called on for aid. The shifting of the quested the arrest of Amos Messler. He quite a fine establishment Stilwell said Messler was a minister who had fled turned to Huntington and then made a dea brother preacher had told him a warrant for his arrest had been issued and the authorities there were looking for him. He was billed to preach at Greenfield yesterday morning. Captain Hyland advised the lawyer that

> an arrest could not be made except upon the request of an officer, and then, in such a case, only when a warrant had been issued. Constable Personett, of Greenfield, then talked with the captain, telling him and they followed him here. that he held a warrant for Messler's arrest. The preacher was described by the lawyer as a man about forty-five years of age, five feet eight inches tall, smooth face, a difference of opinion and calculation as weight about 175 pounds, wearing a light to the amount of money due Israel. When soft hat. He also said the man had a por- the negotiations were opened he told them tion of a little finger missing. Messler, he he had lost \$3,000 from his pocket, but had building. said, was accused of embezzling between about \$500 at home and about \$800 in the \$5,000 and \$7,000, and had taken a car for bank at Marion. He agreed to turn these this city immediately after learning that amounts over to Israel if he would not a warrant had been issued. It was also stated that the preacher was preparing turn the \$3,000. Israel eagerly accepted the to leave the State.

MAN FOUND IN STREET CAR. Greenfield car that came in. They went through the car but found no one answering the description given them by the officer at Greenfield. In passing back through | and his lawyer to search for the rest of the car they saw a hand with a portion of the little finger missing. Gerber stopped beside the seat and, extending his hand, ing the progress of the negotiations,

"How do you do-, what's the name?" "Messler," was the reply; "the Rev. Gerber asked him where he lived and the preacher said at Marion. Gerber told im he would like to talk with him. Messler pushed over in his seat and said: Yes, sit right down here." Gerber explained that his talk could be better conjucted at police headquarters and the party left the car at Pennsylvania street, walking back to the police station. Messler | Amos. said nothing during the walk, but after getting into the building told the officer he knew what was wanted of him. He said he understood his brother, Israel, had sworn out a warrant for his arrest, and they thought had been "planted," and if that he had previously accused him of rob- | they found it would send "Amos to the bing him of about \$7,000. He said he was not guilty. He started in to tell something of the trouble which led up to the issuance of the warrant but before it was fin- | te ished the authorities at Greenfield were called up and advised of the claims of the prisoner. His brother, Israel Messler, told Captain Hyland that he and his lawyer would come at once to Indianapolis. Amos Messler was then taken to the turnkey's

Methodist Conference in Mexico. When searched a small pocket Bible was found on him. This was turned over to the turnkey, "Doss" Shafer, who is the interesting session largely attended. Bishdepartment's smoothest joker. He has a op John Hamilton, Bishop Granbury and faculty of joking in a most pleasant man- other noted divines have been in attend-

"Well, I guess not 'for life."

story they had heard.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 9.-The Methodist Conference for Central Mexico has had an her with prisoners, most of whom take ance. Good reports have been received

Israel sold his Nebraska farm and re-

claimed had not been returned to him.

Amos claimed to have lost \$3,000 from his

hearing of this, and also hearing it ru-

mored that Amos was preparing to leave

the State, hurried to Greenfield to have

the warrant served. They learned that

Amos had taken a car before time for the

morning service to begin for Indianapolis,

DIFFERENCE OF OPINION.

was between himself and his brother only

prosecute him. He said he could not re-

proposition, but the lawyer protested. He

over the money on hand and that in bank

sign an affidavit that he would allow Israel

he had "planted," and keep it if found.

"You do not know I saw

Branyan went at Amos roughshod dur-

that your brother Israel was better off

The sister seemed to be a sort of protec-

tion for Amos against prosecution by Is-

rael. He said she was critically ill and

would surely die if anything happened to

they were preparing to return to Marion

to carry out the plan agreed upon, Israel

said they would search well for the money

Before the discussion ended, but while

without this money than you were with it

Amos had claimed to the police that there

consequently could not return that.

his remarks with all seriousness, while from pastors in interior cities.